

R E P O R T

FROM THE

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE AND FISHING),
SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES,

ON THE

LABOURERS (IRELAND) BILL;

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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1904.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES.

[Tuesday, 23rd February 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee:—

Committee nominated of—

Mr. Attorney-General.
Mr. Baird.
Mr. Baldwin.
Mr. Gerald Balfour.
Mr. Beckett.
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.
Mr. John Burns.
Mr. Cavley.
Sir Charles Cayzer.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Mr. Channing.
Mr. Cochrane.
Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Jesse Collings.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Cremer.
Mr. Crombie.
Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.
Mr. Doogan.
Sir J. Fortescue Flannery.
Sir Henry Fowler.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Garfit.
Sir Alfred Hickman.
Sir William Houldsworth.
Sir James Joyce.
Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Bonar Law.
Sir Elliott Lees.
Mr. Lloyd-George.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Walter Long.
Mr. Charles McArthur.

Dr. MacDonnell.
Mr. William McKillop.
Sir William Mather.
Mr. William Maxwell.
Mr. T. P. O'Connor.
Mr. O'Mara.
Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Pike Pease.
Colonel Pilkington.
Sir James Rankin.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Mr. Herbert Roberts.
Sir Albert Rollit.
Mr. Round.
Mr. Runciman.
Mr. T. W. Russell.
Sir Henry Seton-Karr.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Thomas Shaw.
Sir John Harrington Simeon.
Sir Edward Strachey.
Mr. Talbot.
Mr. Theodore Taylor.
Mr. Tennant.
Mr. Whitley Thomson.
Sir William Tomlinson.
Mr. Tully.
Sir William Walrond.
Mr. George Whiteley.
Colonel Williams.
Lord Willoughby de Eresby.
Mr. John Wilson (Durham).
Mr. Wolff.
Mr. Young.

[Wednesday, 2nd March 1904]:—Sir James Fergusson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Thomas Esmonde to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping and Manufactures.

Sir James Fergusson further reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had agreed to the following resolution:—"That any Member of the Chairmen's Panel be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairmen's Panel to take his place in case of necessity."

[Tuesday, 8th March 1904]:—Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print, and circulate with the Votes, the Minutes of their Proceedings and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.

[Wednesday, 18th April 1904]:—Sir James Fergusson reported from the Chairmen's Panel: That they had appointed Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in the place of Sir Thomas Esmonde.

[Tuesday, 19th April 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Sir Barrington Simeon; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Victor Chreudish.

[Tuesday, 26th April 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Member to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee: Mr. Hunter Craig.

[Tuesday, 10th May 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Long; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Grant Lawson.

[Wednesday, 11th May 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. John Redmond; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Jordan.

[Thursday, 12th May 1904]:—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Grant Lawson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hare.

[Monday, 16th May 1904]:—Sir James Fergusson reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. John Edward Ellis to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in the place of Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

[Tuesday, 14th June 1904]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Wodehouse reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Sir John Barrington Simeon, Mr. Baird, Mr. Hare, Mr. Garra, and Sir Charles Renshaw; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. O'Neill, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Goulding, Captain Balfour, and Mr. George Montagu.

[Friday, 8th July 1904]:—Labourers (Ireland) Bill.—Motion made, and Question put, "That the Order [24th June] for Committee be read and discharged, and the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c."—(Mr. Wyndham.)—The House divided; Ayes 223, Noes 10.

[Tuesday, 12th July 1904]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill:—Mr. Moore, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. O'Doherty, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. Hayden, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. Kilbride, Mr. Cullinan, Captain Donelan, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Corbett, and Mr. O'Neill.

[Wednesday, 13th July 1904]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Baird and Mr. Hunter Craig; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore and Mr. Edward Mitchell.

[*Friday, 13th July 1904*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;—Mr O'Mara, Sir Elliott Lees, and Sir John Barrington Simeon; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Hoult, and Lord Bingham.

[*Tuesday, 19th July 1904*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Wolff; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Condon, Mr. Farrell, and Sir James Hackett.

R E P O R T.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (including AGRICULTURE AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES, to whom the LABOURERS (IRELAND) BILL was referred;—HAVE agreed to report the same so far as amended to the House.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (including AGRICULTURE AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES, to whom the LABOURERS (IRELAND) BILL was referred;—HAVE agreed to the following SPECIAL REPORT :—The COMMITTEE have agreed to report the BILL because the Chief Secretary for Ireland has declared that, in consequence of the Amendments already carried, the Government would not proceed with the BILL.

27 July 1904.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES.

Wednesday, 20th July 1904.

Inasmuch as the House was sitting at the time for which the Committee had been summoned, it did not meet

Thursday, 21st July 1904.

Mr. JOHN EDWARD ELLIS, in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
(Mr. Atkinson).
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. Farrell.
Sir James Hazlett.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Hault.
Mr. Kilbride.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Landon.
Mr. Charles McArthur.
Mr. W. J. Maxwell.

Mr. McHugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Colonel Pilkington.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. T. W. Russell.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Sir Edward Strachey.
Dr. Thompson.
Sir William Tomlinson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.
Mr. John Wilson (Durham).
Mr. Chief Secretary for Ireland
(Mr. Wyndham).
Mr. Young.

LABOURERS (IRELAND) BILL.

Clause 1.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word "representation," to insert the words "as hereinafter provided"—(Mr. Tully).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word "if," to insert the words "signed by any one ratepayer or labourer in the district, and if"—(Mr. Tully).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "any one ratepayer or labourer," in order to insert the words "three ratepayers or labourers"—(Mr. T. W. Russell).—instead thereof.—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Moore.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.

Ayes—continued.

Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Noes—continued.

Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Sir James Haslett.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Hoult.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. London.
Mr. Charles McArthur.
Mr. McHugh.
Mr. W. J. Maxwell.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Colonel Pilkington.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. T. W. Russell.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Colonel Williams.

Question put, "That the words 'three ratepayers or labourers' be there inserted."

The Committee divided:

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Sir James Haslett.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Hoult.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. London.
Mr. Charles McArthur.
Mr. McHugh.
Mr. W. J. Maxwell.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Colonel Pilkington.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. T. W. Russell.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Colonel Williams.
Mr. Young.

Noes, 7.

Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "labourers," to add the words "such labourers to be *bona fide* labourers"—(Mr. Charles Craig).—Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven o'clock

Tuesday, 26th July 1904.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. JOHN EDWARD ELLIS, in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Atkinson).
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. Farrell.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Seymour Ornaby-Gore.
Mr. Hare.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Hoult.
Mr. Kilbride.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. M'Hugh.

Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. Pike Pease.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Sir Albert Rollit.
Mr. Round.
Sir Henry Seton-Karr.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Sir William Tomlinson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.
Mr. Chief Secretary for Ireland
(Mr. Wyndham).

Clause 1, further considered.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word "therein," to add the words "And it may in addition give specific instances or a specific instance" (Mr. O'Shea).—Question put, That those words be there added.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Atkinson).
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Hare.
Mr. Hoult.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. Pike Pease.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Sir Henry Seton-Karr.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.

Motion made and Question, that the remaining clauses of the Bill be postponed until the new clauses standing in Mr. Wyndham's name have been disposed of"—(Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland)—put, and agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made that the Committee do now adjourn—(Mr. Tully)—but the Chairman declined to accept the Motion.

New Clause ("Extension of borrowing powers of rural district councils." 41 and 42 Vic., c. 52") brought up and read a first time, and a second, as follows:—"The maximum period which may be sanctioned as the period for which money may be borrowed by the council for a rural district for the purchase of land for the purposes of the Labourers Act shall be eighty years, and as respects money so borrowed, eighty years shall be substituted for sixty years in sub-sections two and six of section two hundred and thirty-eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878"—(Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland for Mr. Wyndham).

Amendment proposed, in lines 2 and 3, to leave out the words "the purchase of land for"—*(Mr. Clancy)*.—Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed New Clause.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland *(Mr. Atkinson)*.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Hoult.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Sir Charles Renshaw.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 6, after the word "1878," to add the words "and in case the Board of Works shall after the passing of this Act make any advance to any rural district council for the purposes aforesaid under section two hundred and forty-six of the said Act eighty years shall be substituted for fifty years in the said section"—*(Mr. Clancy)*.—Question proposed, That these words be there added.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in line 6, after the words "1878," to add the words "and in case the Board of Works shall after the passing of this Act make any advance to any rural district council for the purposes aforesaid eighty years shall be the period for repayment under section eighteen of the Act of 1883"—*(Mr. Clancy)*.—Question put, That these words be there added.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Albert Rollit.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland *(Mr. Atkinson)*.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore.
Mr. Hoult.
Colonel Long.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Colonel Williams.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another new Clause ("Postponement of sinking fund") brought up and read the first time, as follows: "In the case of an advance made after the commencement of this Act for the purposes of the Labourers Acts (other than an advance made by the Board of Works), the Local Government Board may, if they think fit, direct that no sums on account of sinking fund shall be payable or set apart until the cottages comprised in the improvement scheme for which the advance is made have been let, or until the expiration of two years from the vesting in the district council of the land comprised in the scheme, whichever will be the sooner."—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland for Mr. Wyndham*).

Amendment proposed, in lines 2 and 3, to leave out the words "other than an advance made by the Board of Works"—(*Mr. Clancy*).—Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed New Clauses,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 5, after the word "cottages," to insert the words "or allotments."—Question put, That those words be there inserted.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Albert Rollit.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Sir William Tomlinson.
Mr. Tully.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
(*Mr. Atkinson*).
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore.
Mr. Hault.
Colonel Long.
Sir Charles Remshaw.
Colonel Williams.

Another New Clause ("Borrowing by county councils for purposes of Labourers Acts") brought up and read the first time as follows:—

"A county council may make advances for the purposes of the Labourers Acts out of any moneys in their hands to the councils of rural districts comprised in their county, and the making of such advances shall be a purpose for which the county council may borrow under article twenty-two of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898"—(*Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland for Mr. Wyndham*).—Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
(*Mr. Atkinson*).
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Hault.
Colonel Long.
Colonel Williams.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.

Nees—continued

Mr. Moore.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Albert Rollet.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Another New Clause ("Amendment of law relating to payment of purchase money") brought up and read the first time as follows:—

"(1) If it appears to the district council that the person making any claim for compensation in respect of land taken otherwise than by agreement for the purposes of any one improvement scheme under the Labourers Acts, or in respect of any estate or interest in such land is not absolutely entitled to the land estate or interest in respect of which his claim is made, or if the title to such land estate or interest is not satisfactorily deduced to the district council, then if the total amount of such compensation does not amount to one hundred pounds and exceeds twenty pounds the district council may, anything in the Lands Clauses Acts as amended by the Second Schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to the contrary notwithstanding, pay the compensation into the county court, and that court shall thereupon have with respect thereto all the jurisdiction exercisable by the High Court under the Lands Clauses Acts as so amended.

"(2) Rules of Court shall regulate the practice and procedure under this section, and in particular shall provide that the costs payable by the rural district council incident to the payment out of court of any moneys shall not exceed ten pounds"—(Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland for Mr. Wyndham).

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland
(Mr. Atkinson).
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Hoult.
Mr. Kilbride.
Colonel Long.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Mr. Sheehan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. Sloan.

Amendment proposed, in line 18, after the word "pounds," to add the words:

"For the purpose of carrying the Labourers Acts into execution the Second Schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, shall be deemed to be amended by the following provisions as if the same were expressly enacted therein, and all provisions in the Lands Clauses Act as defined in the Labourers Act shall be deemed to be repealed or modified so far as is necessary to give full force and effect to the said provisions:—

(1) Where the compensation awarded in respect of any interest in land shall not exceed fifty pounds in amount, it may be paid for his own benefit to the person who by himself or his predecessor in title, shall have been in possession or in receipt of the rents and profits of

such interest for six years previous to the making of the award, or in case of the incapacity of such person, to the guardian, committee, husband, or trustees as the case may be of such person, and the receipt of such person, or of such guardian, committee, husband, or trustees as aforesaid for such compensation shall operate to vest the entire of such interest in the district council, discharged from all charges affecting the same, as if it were a conveyance or assignment thereof executed by one of the land judges of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland under the Landed Estates Court Act, 1858;

(2) Where any compensation awarded for any interest in land is paid to trustees nominated pursuant to the provisions of section seventy-one of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, the receipt of the trustees to whom the money is paid shall, in respect of the interest for which it is paid, have the same effect as the receipt referred to in the last preceding paragraph hereof.—(Mr. O'Shea).

Question put, "That those words be there added."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
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Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. Sheehan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Atkinson)
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Hault.
Colonel Long.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Colonel Williams.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the last inserted Amendment, to add the words:

"(3) With respect to any interest in land subject to any mortgage or charge securing an amount greater than the purchase money or compensation which has been awarded in respect of such interest, such purchase money or compensation may be paid to the person or persons entitled to such mortgage or charge, or, if there be more than one such mortgage or charge, then to the person or persons entitled to the mortgage or charge which shall be first in point of priority, in reduction of the principal sum for the time being owing on foot of the same, and the receipt of such person for such purchase money or compensation shall, in respect of the interest which is the subject of such mortgage or charge, have the same effect as the receipt mentioned in the preceding part of this section; and a memorandum of what shall have been so paid shall be endorsed on the instrument (if any) creating such mortgage or charge, and shall be signed by the person or persons receiving said purchase money or compensation; and a copy of such memorandum shall be furnished by the council, at their expense, to all persons appearing to be entitled to the lands subject to such mortgage or charge"—(Mr. Clancy).

Question put, "That those words be there added."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Atkinson)
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Hault.
Colonel Long.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore.
Mr. O'Neill.
Sir Charles Renshaw.
Colonel Williams.

Ayes—continued.

Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. Sheehan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.

Question put, "That the new Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill."—The Committee divided:

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Atkinson).
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. J. P. Farrell.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Kilbride.
Colonel Long.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Mr. Sheehan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.

Noes, 6.

Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Galloway.
Mr. Hault.
Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. Moore.
Sir Charles Renshaw.

[Adjourned till to-morrow at eleven of the clock.]

Wednesday, 27th July, 1904.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. JOHN EDWARD ELLIS, in the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.
Mr. Baldwin.
Mr. Gerald Balfour.
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Clancy.
Sir John Colomb.
Mr. Condon.
Mr. Corbett.
Mr. Charles Craig.
Mr. Cullinan.
Mr. Joseph Devlin.
Captain Donelan.
Mr. Doogan.
Mr. Farrell.
Mr. Seymour Ornishy-Gore.
Mr. Hayden.
Sir Alfred Hickman.
Mr. Hault.
Mr. Kilbride.
Colonel Long.

Mr. Lonsdale.
Mr. London.
Mr. Charles M'Arthur.
Mr. M'Hugh.
Mr. Edward Mitchell.
Mr. Joseph Nolan.
Mr. O'Doherty.
Mr. O'Neill.
Mr. O'Shaughnessy.
Mr. O'Shea.
Mr. John Redmond.
Sir Albert Rollit.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Sheehan.
Mr. Sloan.
Dr. Thompson.
Mr. Tully.
Colonel Williams.
Mr. Chief Secretary for Ireland
(Mr. Wyncham).

Motion made and Question, that the Labourers (Ireland) Bill so far as amended by the Committee, be reported to the House—(Mr. *Chief Secretary for Ireland*),—put, and agreed to.

Ordered to Report.

Motion made, and Question, "That the Committee do make a Special Report to the House"
—(Mr. *Chief Secretary for Ireland*)—put, and agreed to.

Draft Special Report brought up and read the first time, as follows:—

"The Committee reports the Bill because the Chief Secretary for Ireland has declared that in consequence of the amendments already carried the Government would not proceed with the Bill"
—(Mr. *John Redmond*).

Question, That the Draft Special Report be read a second time,—put, and agreed to.

Ordered to Report.
